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## Languages link SU students to foreign opportunities

BY DIANA DWYER  
News Editor

Languages are gateways in a global economy, and Salisbury University now offers Arabic and Mandarin to extend the reach of students seeking federal and international jobs.

"Learning a second language... not only opens doors for students who are entering an increasingly globalized job market, it also changes one's

entire perspective of the world," said Claire Kew, a Modern Languages assistant professor. "Language is inseparable from culture; learning another country's language is the first step to truly understanding the traditions and beliefs of that country's citizens."

Kew was an Arabic tutor before she was hired by SU in 2007 and began teaching Arabic a year later. She typically teaches French every semester.

The Elementary Arabic I course

emphasizes pronunciation, writing the Arabic alphabet and basic reading and conversation.

Arabic, French, Spanish, German and Mandarin Chinese are course options for next semester.

SU alumna Stephanie Nhem was a student in Kew's Arabic class.

"It was great, but I kind of wish more classes would have been offered or nothing at all because I hate not being able to have continued,"

she said. "I loved it."

Nhem is teaching English in Málaga, Spain, and graduated in May with a bachelor's in Spanish and international relations.

Senior Justin Zheng is pursuing the same degree as a double-major while he studies abroad in the same city as Nhem. Zheng can speak English, Spanish, Mandarin Chinese and Chinese-Fuzhou dialect fluently.

"I grew up with my family speaking

Fuzhou-dialect so I learned that through hearing it from my family all my life," Zheng said. "I learned Mandarin from watching Chinese movie series, as well as other Mandarin-speaking people who speak to me."

He said the Fuzhou dialect is challenging to learn because there is no written language; it's passed on by oral tradition from generation to

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## Tireless work for a wireless perk

BY COREY NETHEN  
Staff Writer

In this day and age it's hard for students to tackle daily tasks without Internet use, but Salisbury University Technology Services is way ahead of them.

Lately, many students have noticed wireless shortages and unavailable computers at Blackwell Library when visiting for their routine work crunches.

One of the reasons for the bad connectivity is the recent update to Windows 7 for both laptops and desktops in the facility. The new operating system was not set up correctly with the library's network, causing Information Technology to resort to reimaging all computers that contained issues.

"You have to look at it fundamentally," said Network Security Manager Duke Darrigo. "There's a series of software changes occurring."

SU operates under a wireless system called Aruba. Many other schools, Penn State for example, have also been witnessing problems with the system.

With each building constructed on the campus, a further consideration for wireless functions exists.

In fact the two newest buildings on campus, Sea Gull Square and Purdue Hall, were both built with maximum wireless access points, despite the fact that they also have wired connections. A room in Purdue Hall contains 14 access points for wireless capabilities while a similar sized room in TETC only contains two.

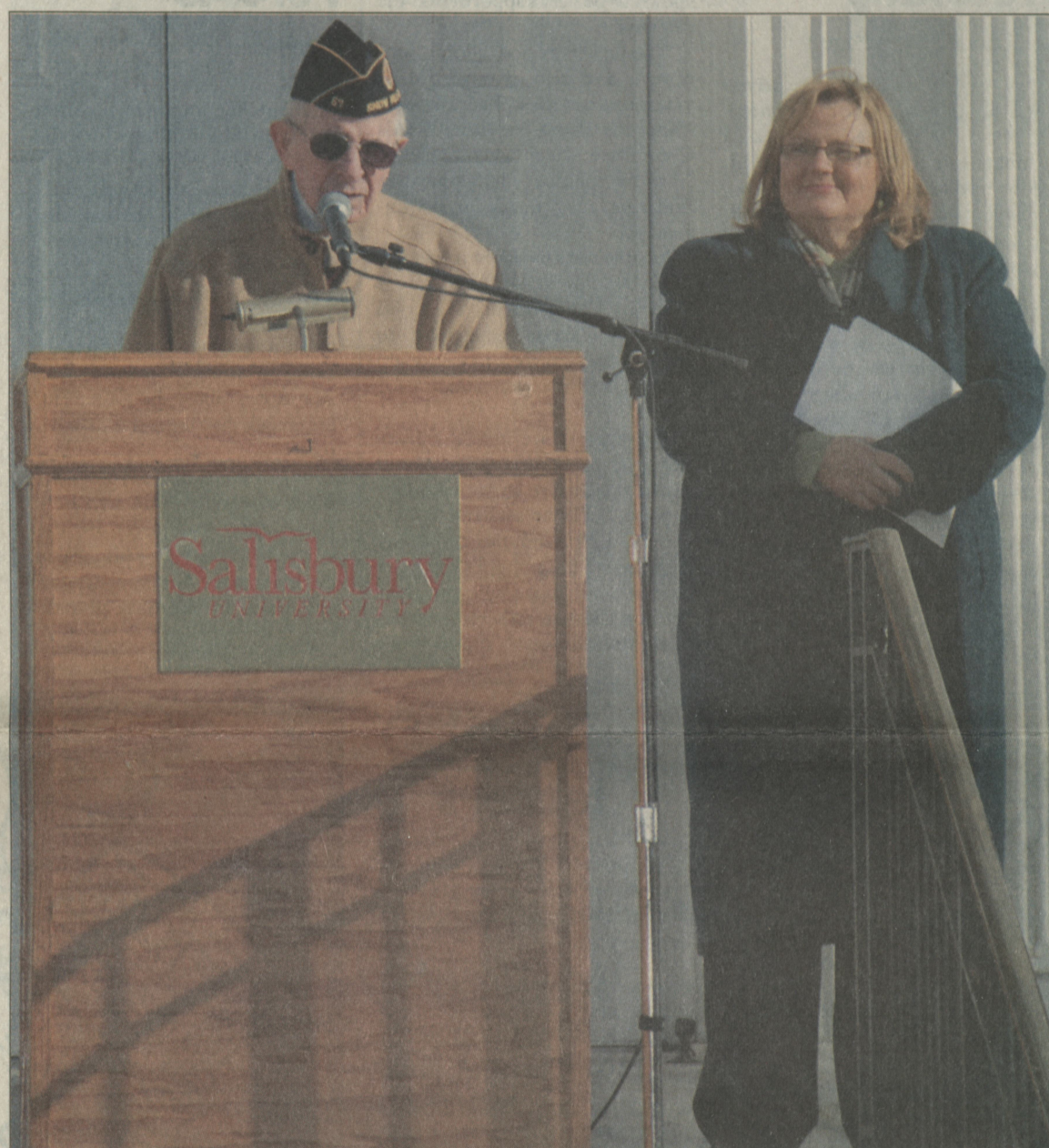
"Wireless is becoming more and more business-critical," said Chief Information Officer Jerome Waldron.

It seems as though SU contractors are attempting to "future-proof" these buildings for the ever-expanding world of technology.

Wireless connection has expanded immensely over the past

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## Honoring local veterans



Salisbury University President Janet Dudley-Eshbach stands with World War II veteran and former history professor Col. George Gering on Friday afternoon on the steps of Holloway Hall.

BY COREY SZNAJDER  
Staff Writer

Local veterans gathered around the steps of Holloway Hall with Salisbury University students and faculty on Friday afternoon for a Veterans Day ceremony to honor those who served their country.

The brief ceremony included a presentation by the university's ROTC color guard, speeches by SU President Janet Dudley-Eshbach and Student Military and Veterans Association President Jason Hillestad. Also presenting was

World War II veteran and former history professor Col. George "Buzz" Gering, who gave a short speech on what it means to be a veteran and how others can learn from them and their experiences.

"I was fortunate enough to have (Col. Gering) for my American Military History class," Hillestad said. "He's someone that you can learn a lot from."

The SMVA also hosted a fundraiser at the ceremony in support of Lance Cpl. Caleb Getscher, who was hit by an explosive device while serving in Afghanistan with

the Marines and lost both of his legs and his left arm. Getscher is from Maryland and has a personal connection to Hillestad. The fundraiser is to help him offset his medical expenses and to help assist him in his life after the accident.

"Our plan is to bring Caleb to SU after we raise all the money we can and bring what we raised to him personally," Hillestad said.

The ceremony and fundraiser is one of the many ways that SU has accommodated veterans as they have made sure that those who have

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## Maloof plans to restore US forests

BY AMANDA BIEDERMAN  
Gull Life Editor

Salisbury University professor Joan Maloof first became interested in the local forests in the 90s, when she witnessed natural areas disappearing overnight.

"When forests are cut down, we lose 95 percent of the area's wildlife," Maloof said. She added that less than 0.2 percent of Maryland's original forests remain today.

Maloof spoke on her research of the Eastern Shore forests in a lecture on Monday. Maloof has been charting the tree species present in the Nassawango preserve, a small site located between Wicomico and Worcester counties.

Maloof conducted a walking survey; she walked down each of Nassawango's 47 tracts, recording the types of trees present.

Most geographic maps show Nassawango as one, uniform forest. However, Maloof's research confirmed her instinct that the area was very diverse.

"Walking through Nassawango, it didn't feel like just one type of forest," Maloof said. "It seemed to change."

She then used her data to analyze the area and made recommendations for preservation and restoration. She noted that all tracts should be expected to contain certain ubiquitous species, but certain areas were more specialized, requiring special attention.

"But then what?" Maloof asked. "How is (this research) really going to make a difference?"

She then described her ultimate goal: to set aside a protected forest in every county in the U.S.

"We can't bring back the original forests, but maybe we can bring back old growth forests," Maloof said. She noted that there are approximately 3,400 state counties in the U.S., and 2,100 can support forests.

Maloof's plan would designate one forest in each U.S. county that would never again be logged. Maloof predicted that, in time, these areas would reacquire old-forest characteristics.

Maloof began her initiative in Wicomico County. However, she faced some challenges: Wicomico County has no national or state parks. It does contain 16,000 acres of state forest; however, when she inquired, Maloof found that none of the areas are safe from logging. She was directed to a cluster of protected areas, and she found that these areas consisted primarily of marshland. The one available wooded area was used as a hunting ground.

"It's a glitch," Maloof said. "But we haven't ruled it out completely yet."

She is currently looking at public and private properties in the area as potential targets.

Maloof has also begun to im-

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## Federal employment decoded

BY TAYLOR COLBERT  
Special to The Flyer

Career fairs put students in touch with an employer and allow them to give out resumes and learn about all the options available in the job field.

It can be difficult for some students who wish to pursue a career in the government to know where to begin. There are many options and strategies to consider, such as which majors to choose, which departments or agencies to pursue and how to begin applying.

"I've found difficulties with federal applications, exams and background checks that need to be fulfilled before (I) actually find out if I'm qualified or not," said junior Elaina Iosue.

Federal Employers Night will be held on Nov. 15 at 6 p.m. in Perdue Hall 151. The event is an opportunity for students interested in what it takes to launch a federal career to listen to government workers, as well as ask questions about their employment opportunities for college graduates.

"The purpose of this event is to give students an overview of various fed-

eral agencies and what careers are available within those agencies," said Associate Director of Career Services Charlie Endicott.

The panel will include members of the United States Secret Service, the Internal Revenue Service, the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the National Parks Service.

"My hope is students will come away from this event with an understanding that there are various careers that are available for students in federal government," Endicott said. "Many times we think only certain majors will be applicable for a federal agency when the reality is there are many career options open to students."

Each government employee will do a brief presentation for the attending students. Then, students will have the opportunity to meet individually with the presenters. Refreshments will also be served at this time.

"I hope to come out of Federal Employer's Night with a better understanding of the federal application process and what I need to do in order to enter the agency I want," Iosue said.

### If you go

**WHAT.** Federal Employers Night

**WHERE.** Perdue Hall 151

**WHEN.** Tuesday, Nov. 16  
6 p.m.

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## GREEK SPEAK

Powderpuff football game showcases SU's Greek spirit



BY CHRIS CASTLE

Inter-Fraternity Council Correspondent

With football season in full swing and the recent Salisbury University homecoming, the Greeks come together to celebrate their own tradition.

On Holloway Hall's lawn, the sororities hosted their annual powderpuff football game. Two teams were created consisting of members from

each of the four sororities as they went head-to-head for bragging rights.

The fraternities participated by dividing up as well, allowing them to work together as coaches for each of the football teams, referees to call the game and cheerleading squads to root on the players.

Many SU students can relate to the event because it's aimed to play off of memories from high school homecomings. To show pride for their school, the guys dress up in hilarious gilly outfits and cheer on the girls' football game. All though, instead of school spirit, the annual event is a celebration of Greek spirit.

It's also somewhat of a change of pace from typical Greek athletics. Anyone who has played an intramural sport has probably encountered a team of fraternity brothers, which can get more competitive when they face each other.

The powderpuff cheerleading squads allow them to come together and laugh at their sometimes intense competitive spirits.

## NAACP campaign to stop campus violence



BY AJIA ALLEN

Staff Writer

Violence is increasingly becoming a problem throughout the University System of Maryland's college campuses.

Before the issue escalates to further regrettable incidents, campus violence has gained more serious attention.

Many Salisbury University students were personally affected by recent campus crimes reported to have occurred on Bowie State University and Frostburg State University. Victims of these unnecessary attacks were close friends of some SU students.

Murders were committed in environments dedicated to molding successful people. Students allowed circumstances to cloud their better judgment and in split-seconds made choices that ultimately ruined their entire lives, as well as those of countless others.

It is a fair assumption that all areas, whether metropolitan or rural, have places or people that may not be deemed the safest. Personal regard for one's future or well-being should place campus violence high on a list of daily concerns.

Involvement between the community and the

university is responsible for the safety of inhabitants. Thus campaigns designed to decrease violence and increase safety are extremely necessary.

SU junior Shanita Williams briefly proposed her individually conceived "Stop the Violence Don't Be Silent" campaign at the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People RSO meeting on Nov. 9.

Williams presented the campaign to SU's Student Government Association Executive Board and later to the SGA Senate on Nov. 10. Not only is the mission of the campaign a benefit to SU but also to the entire University System of Maryland's schools, with possible national influence as well.

"The girl who died at Bowie was one of my best friends," Williams said.

Occurrences of such heavy consequence carry a lot of impact. The personal relationship of past events was all the motivation Williams needed to work towards eliminating the possibility of similar future incidents.

The campaign proposes a national day of "Stop the Violence" and a substance-free weekend. College students openly pledge to completely avoid committing any violent behavior towards another or themselves, on or off-campus.

The campaign takes into consideration the influence of drug-related substances on behavior. Dedicated students pledge not to use any drug-related substances for a whole weekend. Clear minds equal sensible behavior.

Awareness is the true driver of the campaign. Domestic violence, campus violence and lack of safety are problems that have been passed over for other issues for far too long. What about the victims? Their welfare coincides with that of those fortunate enough to be unaffected.

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## Colorful costumes and dance to illustrate Chinese culture

BY KRISTINA  
JACKEREAS  
Staff Writer

China's 56 unique ethnic groups are returning to Holloway Hall for a night of singing, dancing, costumes and ancient culture.

The Office of Cultural Affairs, the Embassy of the People's Republic of China, the World Artist Experiences, Inc. and the Chinese National Museum of Ethnology are presenting "Colorful China: A

Celebration of China's Ethnic Communities" on Nov. 16 at 7 p.m. The 50 performers of "Colorful China" will share the diversity of China's people through songs, dances and costumes.

"These performers are from all over China and are sharing with us their culture through a visually stunning performance," said Director of Cultural Affairs June Krell-Salgado. "It's important

that our students learn about other cultures, for when they graduate college they enter into a global and diverse world."

The 90-minute performance will include six different cultural showcases as well as a finale, Krell-Salgado said. Parts one through three will include the Ancient Orient, the Fantastic Prairie and Silk Road's Costume and Dance. All three parts will focus on China's classical music, dance and vivid costumes.

Parts four through six will showcase Beauty from Snow Mountain, The Story of Baby Belt and Village Festivities, Krell-Salgado said. These segments will provide the audience with knowledge about Chinese customs, different instruments and a variety of costume styles.

The finale will end with all 50 performers spreading the diversity of China through the song, "Colorful China, Colorful World."

On Nov. 17, the event will welcome around 500 Delmarva school children along with Salisbury University students for a one-hour school performance on cultural awareness.

"The music is so upbeat and very extensive of the Chinese culture," Krell-Salgado said. "It will be such an extravaganza, and I guarantee that the students from all age groups will love it."

## If you go:

WHAT: Colorful China  
WHERE: Holloway Auditorium  
WHEN: Wednesday, Nov. 16 at 7 p.m.  
COST: free  
INFO: public is invited

## Student choreographers own dance at showcase

BY AMANDA BIEDERMAN  
Gull Life Editor

A soft, mysterious tune of Lamb's "Gorecki" plays in the background as five dancers take the stage.

Slowly, the music speeds up, and the dance becomes more energized. It develops into a dance that, while disoriented, keeps the dancers in perfect synchronization.

The number was part of the Salisbury University Dance Company Showcase, which took place last week. All of the numbers were choreographed by students. The "Gorecki" dance was the product of sophomore Chelsea Chmel.

Chmel was introduced to dance when she was 4 years old, and it has been a part of her life ever since. "My mother put me in dance because she danced for 10 years herself," Chmel said. "I have not stopped even for a year, so I'm on my sixteenth year."

She added that dance has shaped her mind and has helped her become a quick learner by teaching her to focus.

"Dance has helped me in all aspects of life: responsibility, time management, quick learning, physical and mental health, motivation, expression of emotions and so much more," she said. "It is my favorite thing to do."

Chmel has studied ballet jazz, tap, lyrical, modern, contemporary, pointe and African dance. However, she says her favorite style of dance is contemporary/modern. She said that this style of dance conforms to the body's natural movement.

"Instead of turning out your feet and being on relevé (tip toes), you are working in parallel position and are really down into the ground," she said. "It allows me to express myself and has more freedom in dance structure and choreography."

Chmel joined SU Dance Company as a freshman and said the experience has been invaluable. "SU Dance Company has definitely helped me grow as a performer. It has introduced me to new styles of dance...and has given me more stage time to grow stronger," Chmel said. "We have guest teachers who really take the time to help us improve, and the director is always open for suggestions."



Anh Nguyen photo

Salisbury University Dance Company members dance to Lamb's "Gorecki." The dance was choreographed by sophomore Chelsea Chmel, who has been dancing since she was 4 years old.

"Dance has helped me in all aspects of life: responsibility, time management, quick learning, physical and mental health, motivation, expression of emotions and so much more." - Chelsea Chmel

She added that she was thrilled to be able to choreograph her own dance through the company.

"The fact that SU Dance Company allows students to choreograph in the fall show after two semesters is amazing," she said. "It allows me to grow as a choreographer and express my own ideas that otherwise would never have been expressed."

Chmel added that she had control over the entire number. She picked her own dancers, costumes and lighting, and was in charge of her own rehearsals.

This was not Chmel's first experience with creating her own choreography; she was captain of her high school's dance company. However, she said that the process was still challenging.

"The hardest part was knowing what I wanted," she said. "At times I could not picture exactly what I wanted at a certain part in the song."

I really wanted to make the audience feel something when they watched me dance because it did come from the heart, and it was based around good and bad times of life, which everyone can relate to."

Chmel said that her dance was autobiographical. "The beginning and middle kind of signified the path I have taken in life, and even though I have regrets, I would not change a thing because I am so happy about where I am right now in life," she said.

Chmel said she dedicated the dance to her former dance teacher.

"She taught me about quality of movement: that dance isn't always about tricks, it is about feeling and expressing emotion through movement," Chmel said.

Freshman Lauren Laskin was one of the dancers in Chmel's number.

She said that she had not been sure what to expect but was very happy to be a part of the showcase.

"Chelsea's dance was so much fun to work on; I love her choreography and all of the girls in the dance," Laskin said. "It was a really fun experience that I'm glad I got to be a part of."

Senior Kerry Brennan was also one of the dancers. She noted that although it was Chmel's first year as a choreographer, she knew that Chmel was a skilled and talented dancer. After performing, Brennan was impressed.

"I think the concept of the dance was very strong," Brennan said. "And I think Chelsea has a talent for matching choreography to music so that the two things together enhance each other."

## Strange SU squirrels

BY STEVEN CENNAME  
Staff Writer

If you've been at Salisbury University for a while, you have probably noticed that the campus is home not only to students, but also to very interesting squirrels.

The squirrels back home run away when you get too close to them, but not SU's squirrels. SU's squirrels are not only completely unafraid of humans, they also run right in front of them on the sidewalk, eat their ice cream and can even be pet by them if students are careful enough.

The campus squirrels have adapted to the environment so well that they have lost all fear of humans and have even made food dropped by students one of their primary food sources.

The squirrels on campus are seemingly becoming less wild over time by forging new relationships with the humans around them.

Philosophy Professor Dr. Grace Clement, who taught a course on the relationship between humans and animals, shared her philosophical insight on this interesting topic. She thinks that the campus squirrels have not lost their wildness, and even though they may have lost some level of self-sufficiency, they show SU students just how flexible, adaptive and intelligent animals can be.

She believes that the squirrels' ability to interact with humans so comfortably is not a bad thing at all but instead is beneficial to the students and the squirrels.

"Students miss their pets at home, so they take an interest in the squirrels," Clement said. "The squirrels have the cute factor, and the students enjoy having them around."

From the scientific viewpoint, Biology Professor and mammal expert Dr. Aaron Hogue gave his input on the squirrels.

Hogue agreed with Clement in saying that the campus squirrels have not lost their wildness, but he does not believe that the squirrels have lost any degree of self-sufficiency whatsoever. He implied that we notice the squirrels more than the squirrels notice us.

He said that since the squirrels are not actively managed by humans, and since he's seen some of the squirrels preyed upon and eaten by birds of prey, there is no doubt that the squirrels have not lost their wildness.

"The squirrels on campus are no different than any other squirrels native to the area," Hogue said. "The only difference is that the campus squirrels have found an extra source of food."

Hogue said that squirrels are an omnivorous species that adapt well to a disturbed environment, unlike other species like gray foxes that do not adapt well to disturbed environments. A disturbed environment is one that has been altered by humans.

A reason that the squirrels are so adaptive is their ability to find food in novel ways.

The squirrels on campus have not lost their wildness; they have just adapted to being in a human environment. The students' interest in the squirrels shows that even animals as common as the squirrel can do things that still manage to surprise us every day and can sometimes even outsmart us.

"I tried to catch one once; I got so close but wasn't able to catch it," said sophomore Jenny Hauprich. "But since they let you get close to them, I'm sure I'll be able to catch one someday."

To learn more about the Salisbury squirrels, follow BurSquirrels on Twitter. Share any funny squirrel stories you have, too.

## 'Extreme couponer' stocks up savings

BY AMANDA BIEDERMAN  
Gull Life Editor

Noel Barnwell has 10 sets of shampoo, 10 deodorants, 12 tubes of toothpaste and much more under her bathroom sink.

Barnwell was inspired to stock up after seeing the TLC show "Extreme Couponing" last April. The freshman nursing major said she was little to nothing for the items she buys.

"I would consider myself to be semi-extreme when it comes to couponing," Barnwell said. "Ever since seeing the show I decided to take up the hobby myself and have loved every minute of it."

She explained that for her couponing to work, it has to be well-planned. A typical Walmart trip is planned well in advance. Before heading out, she finds and sets aside a stash of coupons for the items she plans to buy.

"I go in and collect everything, and

then I check the clearance for any surprise deals," Barnwell said. "Per trip I save at least 50 percent."

Barnwell explained that although the savings may not seem significant during an individual trip, the savings over time can be enormous. She noted that in the past few months she has saved over \$500 in beauty products alone.

She tracks her savings by saving her receipts.

"I look at (my coupons) and add them all together periodically," Barnwell said. "Some locations such as CVS do it for you automatically, which makes it so easy."

Barnwell added that she has an extensive coupon collection in a binder, and she is constantly searching for more.

"I have a pretty intense coupon collection," Barnwell said. "I get my coupons from the Sunday paper, and sometimes I buy up to four of them just to have multiples of high value coupons for when a good sale comes around."

Extreme couponing has become a trend in recent years. From January to June of 2011, US customers redeemed \$1.75 billion in coupons for a total savings of \$2 billion, according to NCH Marketing Services.

This was an 18 percent increase from 2009. Coupon use has historically increased during recessions in particular. In 2008, 67 percent of Americans said they had increased their coupon use due to the poor economy, according to ICOM Information and Communications. 58 percent were particularly interested in the availability of online coupons, which have increased by 37 percent in the past year.

Barnwell says that extreme couponing is a good hobby for anyone to try. However, she advises potential couponers to limit their extreme savings to just one location. "Pick one store and just focus on that," she said. "Otherwise it just gets too crazy."



Justin Odendhal photo

Freshman and extreme couponer Noel Barnwell shows off some of the coupons she uses on a regular basis.

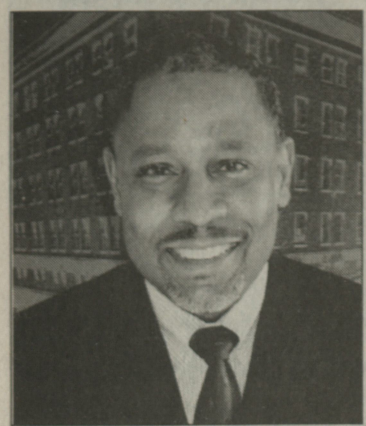


# Newton publishes research

Communications dept. head examines the roles of Blacks in British television

BY BRIANNA WILLIAMS  
Special to The Flyer

Written by Salisbury University communications department head Darrell Newton, "Paving the Empire Road: BBC Television and Black Britons" is a detailed look at the portrayal of Blacks in British television.



Submitted photo of Darrell Newton

The book is a product of Newton's research in England. "Research has opened the door to a whole world of opportunities and friendships and travel," Newton said.

Since earning his doctorate in communication arts in 2002, New-

ton has continued the research he started while constructing his dissertation.

"There's something really cool about discovering something nobody else knows about or that other people have overlooked," he said.

In the 1930s, there was an emergence of Afro-Caribbean immigrants looking to build a life after the war in England. Consequently, the British Broadcasting Corporation began creating a variety of programming in addressing racial relations. Newton's research began here.

In an effort to earn his doctorate degree, Newton dove into the world of British Television. What he found was unexpected.

"A lot of my Black British friends looked to American actors for heroes," Newton said. "I felt like they really should be looking to their own for heroes."

In comparing the two worlds, he explained that Blacks in England looked to Black Americans for inspiration.

"They felt like there were more Black Americans in media than in Britain, so they looked to us," he said.

Whereas Blacks in American television took on more comedic roles or playing butlers, Black British ac-

tors were seen in Shakespearean roles and docudramas. He argued that perhaps it is better to see less of a more positive image than more of a negative one.

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- Darrell Newton

Finally, Newton emphasized that an education should involve studying the world both inside and outside of the classroom.

"At this point in life, London, and England in general, is like a second home to me," he said. "You want to go to school to learn and to understand why the world works the way it works."

## Health Report

### Depression on the rise among college students

BY SARAH WOODS  
Health Columnist

Research from the American Psychological Association indicates that in the past 10 years the use of psychiatric medication in college students has increased by 10 percent.

The study suggests that although the quantity of students experiencing depression and seeking counseling for their condition has remained essentially the same, the extent of depression and anxiety has increased. The percentage of students with moderate to severe depression has increased by 6 percent over the past 10 years.

"So many stressors, if not managed, will lead to an overwhelmed student that could move toward a depressed state if not clinical depression," said Dave Gutosky, director of Housing and Residence Life.

Gutosky pointed out that all levels of college students can suffer from depression, but it may be caused by different developmental

factors. "Freshmen are transitioning to an independent life away from home while trying to balance the academic rigors of a university and social freedom influenced by peer pressure. Sophomores are trying to lock-in on an academic discipline that determines a career direction," Gutosky said. "Juniors and seniors are building a portfolio of experiences in hopes that will make them more competitive in the job market. We see students struggle with all these stressful issues related to moving into a productive adult life."

Living on campus can be beneficial for students during this difficult time period. Gutosky said students benefit from resources within walking distance such as Student Health Services as well as 24-hour access to residence life staff.

"The hall staffs work to develop non-threatening, caring communities that foster an atmosphere conducive to finding help quickly with the comfort of confidentiality," Gutosky said.

Gutosky advised that students not hesitate to ask for help.

"Academic and Student Affairs have extensive supportive networks designed to give students every chance to be successful," he said. "Helping students grow through these difficult years is at the core of what motivates those of us who are passionate student development."

## Events!

### Wednesday 11/16

•International Meal: An American Thanksgiving, in the Commons Bistro 4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

•Mobilizing America: The Rise (and Fall?) of the Tea Party in the Nanticoke Room of the Guerrieri University Center, Rm. 236 at 7 p.m.

•The SU chapter of the American Marketing Association presents "AMA Saves Lives": At Brew River at 7 p.m. The event raises awareness of organ donation.

### Thursday 11/17

•"The Servant of Two Masters" (Nov 17-20) In Fulton Hall Black Box Theatre, at 8 p.m. and 2 p.m.

•Theatre: "Urinetown: The Musical" (Nov 17-20) in the Guerrieri Center Wicomico Room, at 8 p.m. and 3 p.m.

### Friday 11/18

•Festival of Food Events: Make Your Own PIZZA Night, in the Commons from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

### Saturday 11/19

•Special Event: Drop-In Art Saturdays: In the Ward Museum from 10 a.m. until noon.

•Workshop: Probate Records: In the Nabb Center from 1-4 p.m.

•Concert: "Best to the Magi" with the Salisbury Choral and University Chorale: At Wicomico High School at 7 p.m.

### Monday 11/21

•Concert: "Best to the Magi" with the Salisbury Choral and University Chorale: At Wicomico High School at 2 p.m.

•SOAP Presents Laser Battle Evolution (a brand new hybrid sport that's a cross between paintball and laser tag) in Maggs Gym from 2-6 p.m.

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# SPORTS

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## Women's cross country seniors make history

BY STEPHEN BERSTLER JR.  
Staff Writer

There is a saying, "you win some, you lose some." But, what if you don't lose? The Salisbury University women's cross-country team can relate to that.

In the middle of a snow-filled Halloween weekend in York, Pa., the SU women's cross-country team captured their program's fourth consecutive Capital Athletic Conference Championship. Particularly, this is the fourth CAC title in a row for seniors Emily Powell, Becca Stinner and Anna Steinman. This terrific trio is the only senior class to achieve this feat in the program's entire history.

Since their freshman year, Powell, Stinner and Steinman have witnessed and experienced the programs evolution.

"In the first couple years, we would just do our own thing but the past two years we have grown closer together," Stinner said.

"We see ourselves as guides and role models for the underclassmen, athletically, academically and socially," Powell said.

"We feel like a family. Top to bottom, this year's team has been the closest" Steinman said.

No one knows the dedication and commitment of these women more than head coach James Jones. "These three women are dedicated to everything: athletics, academics and to each other," Jones said. "I have been extremely proud of them for everything they have accomplished." Jones said these three student-ath-



Submitted photo

From the left to right, runners Anna Steinman, Becca Stinner and Emily Powell hoist their fourth consecutive Capital Athletic Conference Championship trophy after the cross country race in York, Pa.

letes have "set the standard for the future of our program."

This feeling is mutual, with the three women looking to Jones' not

only as a coach, but as a teacher about life.

"He taught us to believe in ourselves and in each other," Powell said.

The three All-CAC performers said the emotion over the past four years came out at the conclusion of CAC's

"All three of us walked to him

(Coach Jones) and we started crying in a huddle in the snow. It was a memory none of us will ever forget," said Steinman.

The entire team's focus and determination was at an all-time high at CAC's, especially in the rough racing conditions.

"No one stood on the line complaining about the weather," Steinman said. "I feel we can run in anything now."

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- Anna Steinman

Other SU sports may get a lot of the headlines and praise, however, the women's cross country team may be onto something here.

"I think we have opened some people's minds about the women's cross country program," Stinner said.

Winning one championship is an incredible feat. Winning four championships is something college athletes dream about, and these three women lived it.

## NFL midseason report

BY ANDREW CANTOR  
Staff Writer

The National Football League is at the halfway point of its season, and amidst surprises and disappointments, fans have seen teams living up to the pre-season hype.

The Green Bay Packers have led the way in the National Football Conference, going undefeated thus far. Star quarterback Aaron Rodgers has given opposing defenses difficulty by spreading the ball out to all of his weapons. Green Bay's toughest test came against fellow NFC contender, the New Orleans Saints, who took the Packers down to the wire in week one.

The San Francisco 49ers surprised the league with their 7-1 record. First year head coach, Jim Harbaugh has pushed Frank Gore back into the conversation of elite running backs while linebacker Patrick Willis is playing on an All-Pro level.

At 3-5, the Philadelphia Eagles are considered a bust. This team has the most overall talent, but the linebackers are vulnerable and wide receiver DeSean Jackson has not been able to get on the same page as quarterback Michael Vick.

"I believe the best team in the NFC so far is the Green Bay Packers, but their pass defense is suspect," said senior Tim Goehner. "The 49ers will represent the NFC in the Super Bowl."

The AFC has been much more sporadic. The Baltimore Ravens looked brilliant at times but also had poor showings against two non-playoff teams. The Pittsburgh Steelers are also dangerous as the team's defense is coming to life.

The New England Patriots looked invincible early on. However, they have hit a bit of rough patch and now find themselves in a battle with the Buffalo Bills and New York Jets for the division crown.

The Bills have a high flying offense with the strong arm of quarterback Ryan Fitzpatrick and an explosive running game led by Fred Jackson. Jets head coach Rex Ryan has finally instilled the swagger back into his team, making them a legitimate threat.

The surprise team out of the American Football Conference so far has to be the Cincinnati Bengals. After recording just four wins last season, they have already won six. However, their first half schedule was soft and they will have four games against the Ravens and Steelers.

"I think the Ravens are now the team to beat with the offense opening up and solid play of the defense," said sophomore Dan Parker. The last half of the season should be exciting, as we will see who is a contender and who is a pretender.

## SU Field Hockey's successful season ends at NCAA tournament

BY STEPHEN BERSTLER JR.  
Staff Writer

The Salisbury University field hockey team's hopes of a national championship ended in the quarterfinals of the NCAA tournament.

The team's exceptional season included a near perfect record of 17-1 and a 16th Capital Athletic Conference Championship, but ended when they lost to Ursinus College 1-0 on Sunday.

Saturday and Sunday, SU hosted one of four Regional sites to kick off the 2011 NCAA Division III Field Hockey Tournament. After receiving a first round bye, the second-seeded Sea Gulls defeated Montclair State University by the score of 4-2. Junior Kristin Fusco's hat trick sent SU to the third round to face Ursinus College.

On a windy Sunday afternoon at Sea Gull Stadium, the atmosphere had the making for an intense match-up.

The Sea Gulls (18-2) and Bears (17-3) displayed strong, solid defense during the first half of play. The Maroon and Gulls' back line, seniors Tara McGovern, Shannon Hanaratty and junior Amber Holland, held Ursinus to only one shot and three penalty corners.

The second half, however, was highlighted with a countless number of opportunities and chances for the Sea Gull offense. SU outshot the Bears 27-3 including 16 in the second half. Also, where the Sea Gulls had 14 penalty corners, Ursinus had no shots or penalty corners.

Salisbury seemed to find an opening when senior Courtney Webster went by Bears' goalkeeper Jill Lukens (12 saves), but Ursinus sophomore Katie McEwen made a save to keep the game scoreless.

In the overtime period, senior goalkeeper Anna Cooke made an initial save to ward off a shot from Ursinus. Holland made the defensive save for the second shot and kept the Gulls' chances alive. But late in the 74th minute, Thren had a breakthrough and dished the ball off to Corinne Freeman, who sent in the game-winning goal.

Saturday's end result is not what Salisbury was looking for, but they should be impressed in their efforts nonetheless. Seniors Allison Bloodsworth, Danielle Lehman, Elizabeth Locum, Caitlin Walker, Cooke, Hanaratty, McGovern and Webster have posted a career 69-11 record, three Capital Athletic Conference titles and a 2009 National Championship.

**WOMEN'S SOCCER** - The ladies lost a close 1-0 game to William Smith College in the first round of the NCAA tournament; final game for seniors Danielle Crowley, Kira Mangone, Katie McMahon and Amada Miele.

**MEN'S SOCCER** - Although the men forced a tie in regulation, they were ultimately defeated 5-4 in penalty kicks by Neumann University; final game for seniors Morgan Hunt, Ian Willis, Brandon Mumby and Sean Coggins.

## Gulls win 8th Cup, 1st E8 title

BY JOSH BOND  
Staff Writer

The No. 12 ranked Salisbury University Sea Gulls (9-1, 7-0 conf.) clinched the Empire 8 championship with a 49-7 victory over in-state rival Frostburg State University Bobcats (4-6, 3-4 conf.) in the 13th annual Regents Cup.

The Sea Gull offense started the game with an efficient four-minute, 61-yard drive that was finished by a five-yard touchdown run from junior slotback and the game's most valuable player Ross Flanigan. SU's defense then forced the Bobcats to punt after a three and out.

"It was a real confidence booster to score and make a defense stop," said head coach Sherman Wood. "Getting off to a great start really helped our team."

The next three offensive possessions for SU resulted in rushing touchdowns from Flanigan, junior quarterback Dan Griffin and senior super back Randal Smedley. During their first four drives, the Sea Gulls put up a total of 192 yards and had possession of the ball for over ten minutes.

"We were pretty well prepared for the game and the way we have been putting up points and scoring makes us feel very comfortable going into the Division III tournament," Griffin said.

During that span, the SU defense forced the Bobcats to punt twice and allowed only 18 total

yards from the Bobcat offense.

After the first quarter the Sea Gulls led 28-0, and they didn't stop scoring from there. SU's rushing offense, which is ranked 2nd in the nation, executed a total of 374 yards and seven rushing touchdowns, which came from five different players. Flanigan was named the MVP for SU as he set a career best for himself by running for 105 yards and scoring two touchdowns.

"We have a lot of offensive options and skill sets," Flanigan said. "We have a good quarterback and skilled linemen so other teams have to respect that."

The Sea Gull defense was relentless the entire game, shutting out the Bobcats until the last minute of the fourth quarter.

"Everybody played with intensity and we played every down like the score was 0-0. If we play up to our ability, we should keep teams to low scores," said senior linebacker Alex Akins-ey.

The win today gave SU its first division title since 2005. During the game, SU set a single season record for points scored in a season, 459, which surpassed the previous record of 448, set in 2008.

The Sea Gulls open up their NCAA tournament on Nov. 19 against Western New England University at noon inside Sea Gull Stadium.



Justin Odendahl photo

The Sea Gulls beat the Frostburg State University Bobcats 49-7 to win the Regents Cup.

## New men's b-ball coach selected

BY MARIAH BAUGHAN  
Staff Writer

In 2001, basketball guard Josh Merkel graduated from Salisbury University. Now, in 2011, he is back on Sea Gull territory as head coach of the men's basketball team and is ready to lead them to the title.

"It feels awesome to be back and work with almost every coach that coached when I went here," Merkel said. "It's great to be back on campus with the five fall teams going to the NCAA tournament."

Merkel has an extensive basketball background, starting with his mother who played basketball for the University of Maryland. Previous to his new head-coaching job, Merkel was an assistant basketball coach at West Virginia University, Eastern Kentucky University and Randolph-Macon College.

"Since I was a freshman in high school, I dreamed of being a basketball coach," the Merkel said. "I hope to be as great as some of the coaches who once coached me."

The men's basketball team has a lot in store for them. Merkel plans to help the men excel both on an off the court, while he wants the

men to have a winning season, he also wants the players to win as students.

"I expect the players to bring their best everyday. We want the type of players who strive to be great," Merkel said. "Working extra hard shouldn't feel like work, it should be fun."

Merkel feels the way to create a winning and disciplined is through respect. He favors on the philosophy that "players don't care how much you know, until they know how much you care."

He said he feels it is important to be frank with the players. They need to know what they are doing wrong and praised on what they are doing right. Merkel is aware that building relationships may take time, but it is very important.

"I find it crucial to get to know the men not just as basketball players but as people. If the players know you truly care, they will run through a wall for you," Merkel said.

By having a tight-knit squad, the Sea Gulls plan to stay on top in the competitive Capital Athletic Conference. With Merkel leading the flock, the team looks to improve their previous record of 12-15.

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<b>Thursday - 11/17</b> Volleyball at TBD (NCAA Finals) TBA	<b>Sunday - 11/20</b> Field Hockey vs. TBA @ Dud- ley, Mass. (NCAA Championship) 1:00 PM	

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